

# Feed Aggregator

## What is the feed aggregator?

The Feed Aggregator is a component which allows feed managers to collect articles from several RSS feeds and to selectively combine them into one site-sponsored RSS feed.

Users must also be logged into the hub to see any of these controls.

## Adding a Feed Manager

In order to access the feed controls, a user must be added as a feed manager.

The feed aggregator controls are only available to those given either the Author, Editor, or Published role. Users must also be logged into the hub to see any of these controls.

1. Click on **Users Menu** and select **User Manager**.
2. Check the box next to the user whom shall be promoted.
3. In the drop-down, select the permission level as Author, Editor, or Publisher, for the user.
4. Once the group has been selected, click on the **Process** button to save the changes.
5. The user will now have access to sort posts from the feeds.

## Adding a Feed URL (RSS)

1. Navigate to the URL <https://yourhubname.org/feedaggregator>.
2. Click the **Add Feed** button in the upper right hand corner of the page.
3. Add the Feed Name, the Feed URL, and enter the description of the feed.
4. Click the **Submit** button to add the feed to the source feed collection.

## Retrieving and Managing Posts

1. Navigate to the URL <https://yourhubname.org/feedaggregator>.
2. Click the **Retrieve New Posts** button to pull new posts from the URLs that have been added to the Feed Aggregator. New posts will be added to the list.
3. Once new posts have been added to the list, manage the new posts by selecting approve, mark for review, or remove.

1. **Approve** - Add the post to the generated feed.
2. **Review** - Allow other managers to review the post before adding it to the generated feed.
3. **Remove** - Remove the post permanently from the collect posts.
4. Once a selection has been made from the three options the choice that was made the button will turn gray.
5. To change the selection, click one of the other options.

### Accessing the Feed URL

1. Navigate to **<https://yourhubname.org/feedaggregator>**.
2. To view the feed URL, click on the **Generate RSS Feed** button.
3. The aggregator link will be generated into a pop-up box with a blue highlighted link.
4. Copy the link into any readers that accept RSS feeds as input.

### Disabling a Feed

1. Navigate to **<https://yourhubname.org/feedaggregator>**.
2. Click the **View Feeds** button.
3. Locate the feed that is to be disabled.
4. Click the **Disable** button. It will then be disabled, and new posts will no longer be retrieved from the feed and added to the feed aggregator.

### Enabling a Feed

1. Navigate to **<https://yourhubname.org/feedaggregator>**.
2. Click the **View Feeds** button.
3. Locate the feed that is to be enabled.
4. Click the **Enable** button. Any new posts will be retrieved from the feed and added to the feed aggregator.

### Editing a Feed

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1. Navigate to **<https://yourhubname.org/feedaggregator>**.
2. Click the **View Feeds** button.
3. Locate the feed to be edited, and click the feed's **Edit** button.
4. Edit the content of the feed, and then click **Submit**.